

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 7th December

8.30am Holy Communion

10.00am All-age Eucharist
Celebrant: Rev. Canon Martyn Hawkes

Deacon: Rev. Amy Taylor

11.30am Children's choir rehearsal

7.30pm Aldersbrook Community
Choir concert

Alan is available after church
today with tickets for those who
would like to get the cheaper
advanced price.

This Week

Morning Prayer

9am Monday – Thursday
In person only and all welcome
Tuesday at Christ Church Wanstead

Evening prayer

5pm Monday – Wednesday
On zoom and in-person
No Thursday evening prayer this
week.

Tuesday

10:00am – 12 noon Open Church
1.30pm Get-together group in
church - a social gathering for
company and conversation.

7pm Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament

Wednesday

11am Holy Communion
12 - 1.30pm Preschool Play Group
3.30pm After School Club

Thursday

10:00 - 11:45 am Open Church
10:15 - 11:15 am Tai Chi in church
11:45am – 1pm. Meditation and
Reflection in church
1 - 2.15pm Yoga class in church.

*Items for weekly notices need to
submitted by Thursday evening.
(sarabertrand47@gmail.com)*

There will be some Aldersbrook
school rehearsals for their Christmas
concerts on Monday 8th, possibly
Tuesday a.m. and Friday 12th
December.

Thursday 11th December

Calling any choir (both official or
not) who would like to sing in
Snaresbrook court chapel. 4pm for
short rehearsal for a 4.30pm carol
service that lasts approx. 40 mins.

Saturday 13th December

The Snowman in church all day

Next Sunday 14th December

We welcome Luke Stoner, one of
our regular preschool playgroupers,
by baptism.

Book Club

The next book club will be on
Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 8pm at
the vicarage. We will be reading 2
books, feel free to read 1 or both.
For advent, 'Listening to the Music
of the Soul' by Bishop Guli Francis-
Dehqani. For fun, 'An Inconvenient
Convent' by Simon Parke.

Saturday 17th January

Advanced notice: Friends of St
Gabriel's event - Comedy Night.
Tickets will sell fast, so do get your
ticket now if you are interested - in
advance only. Bit.ly/stgcomedy

Saturday 24th January

Burns Night - save the date, and
watch this space for update on
getting tickets.

Open Church on Tuesdays

If you can help with keeping the
church open on Tuesday mornings
please do sign up to cover either a
regular slot or to fill in one off gaps.

Used Stamps

Please collect & bring your used
stamps to church to put in the box at
the back. These will be sent off to
benefit an animal charity. Thank
you. Sue Maudsley

Foodbank Update

Advent foodbank boxes are out now
at the back of church. Thank you as
always for your generosity. The last
date for Christmas donations will be
16th December. Thank you. Helen
and the team.

Christmas market

A huge effort as ever and massive
thank you to Kevin who
masterminded another great event.
Thank you to everyone who
contributed so much these past
weeks and over the two days. If
you are able to help with some
post-market clear-up after church,
including during the week ahead
taking some items to charity shops
and if necessary the recycle centre
that would be greatly appreciated.

Christmas services and events

Mon - Wed 15-17 December

7pm - 8.30pm Carol Singing
around the parish for The
Children's Society. calling all
hardy singers and collectors, we
need your support! Its great fun
and the more the merrier - all
abilities & experience welcome.

Friday 19th December

6.30pm Christingle Service

Sunday 21st December

6.00pm Carol Service

Wednesday 24th December

Morning flowers and church clean
(no 11am communion)
4pm Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th December

10am Christmas morning mass

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:

Saadia Akmal, Michelle Baker,
Joyce Demetriou, Peter Ellis,
Eileen Galer, Philip & Jennifer
Hale, Kelly Harmsworth, Nicky
Hooper, Faye Jackman, Doreen
Karsondas, Janis Lalor, Jack
Lewis, John Mitchell, Angela Ng,
Shu Fan Ng, Marie Norman,
William Starling, Kamalasan
Vilait, Julie Waite-Wilson, Anita
Watts, Mary Watts, Shirley Yick
& those on the Prayer Board

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

George Casey, Rose Cross, Nell
West